

REMARKS

The above amendments are proposed to correct obvious typographical errors in the claims. Claim 7 is canceled. Entry of the amendments is earnestly solicited as consideration thereof does not involve substantial review by the Examiner.

More specifically, the proposed amendments are made to provide proper antecedent basis for the terms “layer” or “insulating” and to change “contact areas” to –aperture– in claims 16 and 76. Claim 76 is further amended to include “device” for proper antecedence.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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